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outlet aperture, and a means for flow communication providing flow communication between the inlet aperture and a source of high pressure air at a pressure higher than that of the hot gas stream.

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8. (Amended) A tip clearance system as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is further provided a bleed aperture leading from the interior of the shroud liner to a radial clearance gap immediately upstream of the shroud liner and extending from the gas stream to the plenum chamber, whereby, in use, high pressure air from within the shroud liner exits through the bleed aperture and inhibits the passage of hot gas from the gas stream into the plenum chamber.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending with claims 1 and 8 amended herein. Further, the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities found therein. In particular, the specification and claim 8 have been amended to response to the objection to the disclosure for informalities found in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action. Further, claim 1 has been amended responsive to the rejection of claims 1-5 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as found in paragraph 4, on page 2 of the Office Action.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(iii)) and claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(ii)).

Applicants note that claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected species. As acknowledged in the Election of Species Requirement mailed June 21, 2000, claim 1 is generic to all species and thus upon allowance of claim 1, claims 6 and 7 must be rejoined and passed to allowance.